

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the project entitled Advent Crossroads Water Project will be received by the Catawba County Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m. local time on June 17, 2004, in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Catawba County Government Center, located at 100-A South West Boulevard, Newton, North Carolina 28658, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

THE PROJECT GENERALLY CONSISTS OF construction of approximately 18,700 linear feet of 12" and 8" water lines, complete with valves, hydrants, air release/vacuum valves, water taps, service connections, booster pumping station, 100,000 gallon ground storage tank and all related appurtenances along Old Shelby Road, Bakers Mountain Road, Henry River Road, George Hildebran Road, Advent Road, and Royal Heights Circle.

On June 3, 2004 at 10:00 am a pre-bid conference will be held in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Catawba County Government Center, located at 100A South West Boulevard, Newton, North Carolina, for all prospective bidders. The purpose of this conference is to answer any questions pertaining to the scope and nature of the proposed construction and to discuss the bidder qualification requirements. It is not mandatory for all prospective bidders to attend the pre-bid conference.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Catawba County Government Center
McGill Associates, P.A.
Associated General Contractors
Construction Data Corporation

Newton, North Carolina
Hickory, North Carolina
Charlotte, North Carolina
Cary, North Carolina

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the Engineer, McGill Associates, P.A., located at 1236 19th Street Lane, NW, Hickory, North Carolina 28601, or Post Office Box 1136, Hickory, North Carolina 28802, upon payment of \$90.00 for each set. There will be no refund to any party for Contract Documents so obtained.

Bidders and other interested parties should note that prequalification of equipment manufacturers by the Engineer prior to the bid opening is required for this project. Equipment prequalification requirements, if any, are described in the Contract Documents.

A certified check or cashiers check payable to Catawba County or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by a corporate surety licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute such bonds in the amount equal to five percent of the total of the bid shall be submitted with each bid. The bid deposit shall be retained by the Owner if the successful bidder fails to execute the contract or fails to provide the required bonds, as stated above, within ten (10) days after award of the contract.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or reject any or all bids. The Owner reserves the right to award a contract to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

The successful bidder shall be required to furnish separate, 100 percent Performance and Payment Bonds in compliance with North Carolina General Statutes Section 143-129 and of Article 3 of Chapter 44A. The Performance Bond shall be in full force and effect for one (1) year after the date of final acceptance of the project by the Owner.

Each bidder must be appropriately licensed as a Contractor in the State of North Carolina as provided in General Statutes Chapter 87.

This Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project will utilize CDBG funds in the amount of \$850,000 and local commitment funds of \$276,276 for a total project cost of \$1,126,276. CDBG funds finance 75% of the total project costs.

Catawba County is an Equal Opportunity Employer, promotes Fair Housing and encourages small, minority, physically handicapped and women's businesses to submit bids. Each bidder shall make positive efforts to use small and minority owned business enterprises on this project.

All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the PROJECT shall apply to the contract throughout. Each BIDDER is responsible for inspecting the site and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The failure or omission of any BIDDER to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any BIDDER from any obligation in respect to his BID. A conditional or qualified BID will not be accepted.

The ENGINEER is **McGILL ASSOCIATES, P.A.** The address is **1236 19th Street Lane NW, Hickory, North Carolina 28601.**